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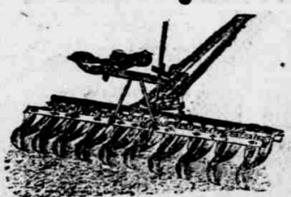
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With a biblical quotation,
He arises from his seat,
And on that long haired poet
He alights with both his feet.
—Boston Post.

Solving The Mormon Question.

The mormon question is generally regarded as one of the most difficult problems ever presented to congress for solution. Stringent bills have been introduced from time to time having in view the suppression of polygamy, but as yet all the laws that have been passed with reference to polygamy in Utah have proved inefficient. Polygamy has been made felony, but the difficulty has been, whenever any trial has been attempted, to secure evidence, and owing to this deficiency the polygamous Mormons have evaded punishment at the hands of the law. The attempt also to disfranchise polygamists has proved a failure. Commissioners have been appointed to investigate affairs in Utah, to regulate the elections, and to see that the laws were enforced, and to make recommendations on which to base congressional legislation. The work of the commissioners, however, does not seem so far to have been very effective. Throughout the entire crusade against polygamy the Mormons have maintained a bold and determined front, and have fought every measure with a vigorous energy worthy of a better cause. Their zeal would indicate that they are honest in their religious belief and doctrines, one of the principal elements of which is polygamy. They maintain that they are being persecuted on account of their religion, and present some plausible argument in their own defense.

Various methods of solving the Mormon problem have been presented time and time again, but so far nearly every mode of procedure has been through legislation against polygamy, and which has had no material effect in accomplishing the desired result. Some of the ablest thinkers of this country, who have been giving this subject much thought and study, are at last beginning to advocate, as the true solution of the Mormon problem, the division of Utah into sections, to be annexed to the adjoining states and territories—Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico. In other words, that Idaho shall no longer exist as a territory, and that it shall be erased from the map of the United States. That congress has the power to do this with Utah or any other territory there is no question. The advocates of this method of procedure believe that polygamy will never cease until the government of the people is taken away from the polygamists, and the laws are enforced by courts and officers who have nothing in common with polygamy. This whole question will probably be brought up in connection with a proposition to create a new territory out of the eastern part of Washington Territory and the northern section of Idaho. It is estimated that from 60,000 to 100,000 people from all parts of the country, attracted by the Coeur d'Alene mines, will settle in eastern Washington Territory and northern Idaho during the next twelve months, and this anticipated immigration has given rise to the proposition to create a new territory. If it should be determined to wipe Utah out of existence as a territory, it is more than likely that the new Coeur d'Alene territory can be created without cutting down the dimensions of Idaho, as a portion of Utah could be added to southern Idaho. Nevada has only a population of sixty thousand, and if that section of Utah containing Ogden and Salt Lake city should be annexed to Nevada, that state would even then have a less population than she should have to entitle her to a member of congress. The plan of cutting Utah up and joining the various divisions to the contiguous states and territories is a practical one and we believe it will eventually be adopted. It would put an end to the ruling power of the Mormons, and their power once taken away from them, the question of polygamy would settle itself.—Omaha Bee.

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